

$K_a \cdot K_b = K_w$ ($a = \text{acid}$ or conjugate acid , $b = \text{conjugate base}$ or base , $w = \text{water}$)

$K_a \text{NH}_4^+ \cdot K_b \text{NH}_3 = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$

$\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{OH}^-$ $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

$K_b = \frac{[\text{NH}_4^+][\text{OH}^-]}{[\text{NH}_3]}$ $K_a = \frac{[\text{NH}_3][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{NH}_4^+]}$

$K_a \cdot K_b = [\text{OH}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$K_b \text{NH}_3 = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

$K_a \text{NH}_4^+ = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$ at 25°C

Salt: NH_4Cl $\frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{OH}^-]}$ neutral

pH of solution $< 7, 7, > 7$?

① Salt \rightarrow ions
 $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+_{(aq)} + \text{Cl}^-_{(aq)}$ (dissociation equation)

② ions react with water \rightarrow ionization equation.
 $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NH}_3$

③ $\text{Cl}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{HCl} + \text{OH}^-$
 Analyze each equation and see if $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ or $[\text{OH}^-]$ will change.
 $\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + \text{NH}_3$
 Equilibrium exists weak base
 mixture will contain $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$

$\text{Cl}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{HCl} + \text{OH}^-$
 No equilibrium and strong only reverse reaction is happening.
 No change in $[\text{OH}^-]$

④ Make overall conclusion.
 $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] \uparrow$ \therefore salt is acidic.

Predict whether a salt is acidic, basic or neutral.
 $\text{NaCl}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{NaCl}_{(aq)}$
 $\text{Na}^+_{(aq)} + \text{OH}^-_{(aq)} \rightleftharpoons \text{NaOH}_{(aq)}$ (dissociation)
 $\text{Cl}^-_{(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \rightleftharpoons \text{HCl}_{(aq)} + \text{OH}^-_{(aq)}$
 first from strong acid \therefore no change in $[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]$ or $[\text{OH}^-]$
 \therefore neutral salt

H_2O	H_2O	$\xrightarrow{\text{NaCl}}$	H_2O	H_2O
H_2O			Na^+	Cl^-
H_3O^+	OH^-		H_3O^+	OH^-

Another salt:
 $\text{KF}_{(s)} \rightarrow \text{K}^+_{(aq)} + \text{F}^-_{(aq)}$
 $\text{K}^+ + \text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{KOH}$ strong base
 $\text{F}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{HF} + \text{OH}^-$
 equilibrium exists weak acid $[\text{OH}^-] \uparrow$
 \therefore salt is basic.

$\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \rightarrow \text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{NO}_3^-$
 $\text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2_{(s)}$ $[\text{OH}^-] \downarrow$
 $\text{NO}_3^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{HNO}_3 + \text{OH}^-$ $[\text{OH}^-] \downarrow$ \therefore more acidic.

process is called "Hydrolysis of a salt".

Titration: acid + base \rightarrow salt
 $\text{HCl} + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NaCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 $\text{HCl} + \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow \text{NH}_4^+ \text{Cl}^-$
 $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{NaOH} \rightarrow \text{NaCH}_3\text{COO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 Weak acid + strong base \rightarrow acidic basic neutral

Determine if salt is acidic, basic or neutral
 NaHSO_3 , CrO_3 , FeCl_3 ,
 NH_4NO_3 , $\text{Ba}(\text{NO}_3)_2$

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